

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claim 18. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-15. (Withdrawn)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Withdrawn)

18. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a reinforced one-piece molded plastic grass catcher for a reel-type mower having a ground contacting roller, the grass catcher having an opening with a lower lip touching the reel-type mower and a lower panel extending over the roller, a reinforcing rod extending laterally across at least a portion of the lower lip, and a plurality of retaining structures integrally molded into the lower lip ~~being the only structures~~ gripping the reinforcing rod in place.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 18 wherein the reinforced grass catcher further comprises a plastic box-like structure having walls with substantially uniform thickness, each of the integral retaining structures having substantially the same thickness as the walls.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 18 further comprising a lower wall and wherein the lower lip is in a horizontal plane above at least some portions of the lower wall.

22. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 18 wherein the plurality of integral retaining structures have an internal dimension, and the reinforcing rod has an outer cross sectional dimension no smaller than the internal dimension of the integral

retaining structures.

23. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 18 wherein the lower panel has a contoured bottom surface portion dimensioned to fit over the roller without interfering with roller movement.